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- 1.. On 12 March General Platon Chirnoaga, a member of the Rumanian Iron Guard who is active in Germany and Austria, met with a group of Rumanian career officers in Paris to discuss his activities. The officers requested that General Chirnoaga refrain from any activities or public statements that might do injury to the resistance movement or to military activities in exile. He was attacked for his participation in the so-called "Rumanian Government in Exile" established in Vienna by Horia Sima, leader of the Iron Guard, after the coup d'etat of 23 August 1944.
2. General Chirnoaga replied that he had been given a "verbal mandate" by General Nicolae Radescu to consider himself the head of the "National Army" in Germany and Austria. He was unwilling to admit that he had committed any errors in the past or to change his associations, a reference to his participation in the Vienna government and continued close contacts with the Iron Guard. Chirnoaga then declared that he is supported by the Americans and other Western allies and had signed a most important protocol with Prince Nicolae, brother of former King Carol, at Sigmaringen Castle. He declared that General Radescu had sent \$6,000 to Austria, for relief purposes and for maintenance of contact with Rumania. General Chirnoaga stated that he had established "permanent contact" with Rumania through the Iron Guard. Although denying that he was a legionnaire, Chirnoaga contended that the Vienna government established by Horia Sima had been a national government.
3. General Ion Gheorghe, former Rumanian Minister to Berlin, has been empowered by General Radescu to act as "coordinator" of Rumanian activities in the zones of Germany occupied by the Western Powers. Major Constantin Maftei has been appointed General Radescu's "military representative" in Austria. The grant of these so-called "mandates" to Generals Chirnoaga and Gheorghe by General Radescu has produced a violent quarrel between the two.

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